

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: 3/10/22

TIME: 10am

LOCATION: Teleconference

Due to COVID-19 precautions this meeting will be held by teleconference. If you would like to submit oral testimony, please call in at the above date and time to 1-614-721-2972. Then enter the meeting I.D. which is 701 443 174#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@jfs.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections 5103.03, 5101.141, 5153.166, 3107.031 and Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

OAC rule 5101:2-42-18.1 entitled **Non-Discrimination Requirements for Foster Care Placements** explains that race, color, or national origin (RCNO) may not be considered in the placement process for foster care. It outlines what is prohibited and permitted when selecting a foster care placement. It also details the steps that need to be taken should RCNO become a compelling factor in the placement process. In paragraph (J)(2) language was edited to comply with the CSI project to identify outdated Ohio Administrative Code methods of communication and ORC terms that require in-person interaction. The revision dates for forms were removed throughout.

OAC rule 5101:2-48-13 entitled **Non-Discrimination Requirements for Adoptive Placements** explains that RCNO may not be considered in the placement process for an adoptive placement. It outlines what is prohibited and permitted when selecting an adoptive placement. It also details the steps that need to be taken should RCNO become a compelling factor in the placement process. Paragraph (F) was replaced, as the requirements were obsoleted per Procedure Letter No. 325 in January 2018. In paragraph (M)(2) language was edited to comply with the CSI project to identify outdated Ohio Administrative Code methods of communication and ORC terms that require in-person interaction. The term "SACWIS" was changed to "Ohio SACWIS." The revision dates for forms were removed throughout.

INSTRUCTION:

A copy of the proposed rules is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rules at the address listed below. The rules are also available on the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. A public hearing on the proposed rules will be held at the date, time and location listed at the top of this notice. Either written or oral testimony will be

taken at the public hearing. Additionally, written comments submitted or postmarked no later than the date of the public hearing will be treated as testimony.

Requests for a copy of the proposed rules or comments on the rules should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal and Acquisition Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, by fax at (614) 752-8289, or by e-mail at rules@jfs.ohio.gov.